



ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The tamariki at Ōwhango School are engaged in our unique, rural environment, are individual in their learning, and strong in experience and success.

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Week 1, Term 3, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a beautiful start to the term. Everyone is back, happy to be here and there are smiling, happy faces everywhere! And how neat that every Thursday, children will be able to purchase something yummy and hot for lunch, thanks for our wonderful PTA.

It is, yet again, a very exciting and busy term full of amazing learning opportunities for all of our tamariki. From Harold the Giraffe, to skiing, to Kapa Haka and sports - we certainly know our students will make the most out of it all!

With skiing starting this term, I would like to thank everyone for having permission slips returned so promptly and all the wonderful offers of help. Without your support, we would not be able to run these days - so thank you. I will be aiming to make the call to cancel by midday on Tuesdays if the weather looks bad (via email). This is not an easy call to make, and as always, safety is the main driver behind my decisions. It's always better to be safe than sorry! My decision is based on numerous weather reports, advice from the Whakapapa team, and advice from experienced skiers.

Please note that the Mud Run dates will change due to unforeseen circumstances. I will let you know when I know! Have a lovely week team - stay warm!

Annelies

Wk 1	Life Education - all ages. Mon/Tues 20-21 July Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 24 July Cancelled
Wk 2	Mudrun (whānau led) 31 July Postponed Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 31 July Y5/6 and Y7/8 afterschool Basketball starts
Wk 3	BoT hui - all welcome. 6 pm Thursday 6 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 7 Aug
Wk 4	Taumarunui High School Open-Enrolment evening Thurs 13 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 14 Aug
Wk 5	Spelling Bee Competition Thurs 20 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 21 Aug
Wk 6	Mountain School's Cross Country (at Kaitieke School) Thurs 27th Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 28 Aug
Wk 7	Whole school tree planting event Thurs 3 Sept I/S Cross Country (Ongarue School) Fri 4 Aug Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday Fri 4 Aug
Wk 8	WFPSA Cross Country Thur 10 Aug Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday 11 Aug
Wk 9	Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga (bracket scheduled at 12.40 - 1 pm) Tues 15 Aug Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday 18 Aug
Wk 10	Tōtara Assembly 2pm Wed 23 Aug Whole School Ski Day - Friday (last day of term) 25 Aug
School Term Dates	Term 1 9 Feb - 2 April Term 2 20 April - 3 July Term 3 20 July - 25 September Term 4 12 Oct - 18 December

Dates to Remember:

Another awesome achievement for our girls rugby! Congratulations to Hayzin and Kaelyis-Rae who made the Reps team!



Life Education

It was very exciting to start our term off with Harold the Giraffe and his mate Caspian! Every student got a chance to learn alongside Harold and man was it a great surprise when Harold joined the tamariki for lunch and a bit of basketball!



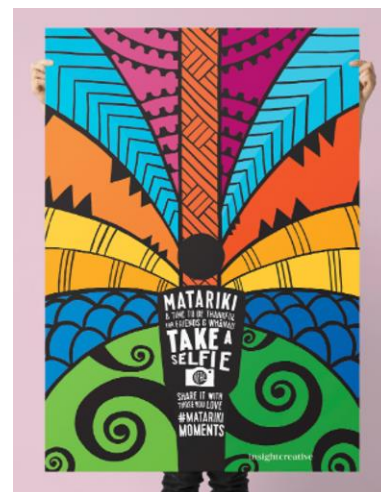
♥ Welcome to our two special friends, Elli and Alaia! We are so happy to have you start at

Ōwhango School and it is great to see you settling in so fast ♥



Classroom Kōrero - Tōtara

Tōtara finished last term with a big focus on Matariki. The students brought a lot of prior knowledge to this, but were able to extend their knowledge through their reading. This included learning about Puanga as another signal of the Māori New Year. We were inspired by this award winning piece of art,



to create our own symbolic pieces about Matariki. Come and check them out when you're next in school. The students not only put a huge amount of effort into their designs and execution of

their art. Then, just when they thought they were done, they had to write to explain their understanding of Matariki and their design choices.

Matariki is a time to celebrate with your friends and family and some people do bonfires. They do it on the hills and they do it under the nine stars. Matariki is the Māori New Year.

Ururangi makes the sea swish. I used mangōpare to show a shark.

Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the one star which makes wishes. I used yellow stairs.

Tupu-ā-nuku is connected to food on the ground so I used pumpkins.

I did Ururangi pink.

Pōhutukawa is connected to the people who passed away.

Matariki is the mum of the stars.

Tupu-ā-rangi represents the tree trunks.

Ururangi represents the wind. I drew koru to show the wind. - Corbin



Corbin and Molly's finished artwork

Matariki is a time to celebrate Māori New Year and plan for the year. The west coast can't see Matariki because it is too low in the sky so they use Puanga instead. It is part of Māori culture. They celebrate it in late June to Early July. They celebrate it in New Zealand and in the sky. Why do they celebrate? It is Māori culture. How do they celebrate? By lighting bonfires on hills.

My top part is the star of Tupu-ā-nuku. I have done green and brown ferns because Tupu-ā-nuku is connected to food in the ground.

For Waitā I have some grey sand and blue water to represent the sea.

For Waitī I have done some fish and the river and rocks to represent the rivers.

For Tupu-ā-rangi I have done some trees and birds to represent the food above the ground.

For Waipuna-ā-rangi I have done the wind and rain and the sun to represent the weather.

For Hiwa-i-te-rangi I have done some steps to represent getting one step closer to achieving.

Pōhutukawa represents people who have passed away. To represent Pōhutukawa I have done red to represent Pōhutukawa flowers.

- Molly



Some of the stages of our artwork from planning to drafting to sharpie lines before painting and redoing the sharpie

This week we thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Crispian and Harold from Life Education Trust. We were talking about emotions and how to respond to things rather than react, and how to be empathetic or "put ourselves in someone else's shoes". This was a great addition to our in-class social-emotional learning that we have been doing around respect, kindness, and handling difficult situations and emotions.



Eric transforms into Amy by stepping into her shoes in the Harold Truck.

- Mrs Tylee

Owhango Rimu Netball Team

At the close of term two, we concluded our netball season. Our team of seven was a special mix: four players have been with me since they were in years 3-4, and now, as years 7-8. We also welcomed a newcomer to the sport and two players from National Park, who quickly became valued members of our team. Monday afternoons, we dedicated our time to training and I also focused on helping the Kahikatea team out. It was evident in how they played each game that the trainings together really made a difference.

I've been impressed throughout the season by how well they've come together as a team and applied their developing skills on the court. We finished third after rounds one and two. Then, heading into the quarter and semifinals, they fought their way into second place, clinching a spot in the championship round.

The final was an intense and exciting game that demanded hard work from start to finish, exactly as a final should be. While the final score wasn't in our favour, they definitely demonstrated throughout the season that hard work leads to great results. I'm incredibly proud to have coached this team.

To Hayzin and Poppy, it's sad to see you both leave the team as you venture off to high school next year, but we're excited for what next season holds with our remaining players.

Ngā Mihi
Bon Te Ahuru.



YEAR 5-8 TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The basketball season begins next week at the Taumarunui Athletic Stadium, Turaki Street. Thank you very much to Kereama Watson, Siobhán McKenna-Murphy and Lakenn Te Ahuru who have offered their coaching expertise this year. We have two Year 5/6 teams and one Year 7 team. I have emailed our basketball whānau with team details and the draw. I will include next week's games here, however due to games being played on Mondays and Wednesdays, I won't be including the game times in the pānui each week, as it became confusing last year. I will be sure to email you with any and all changes throughout the term. A reminder that the \$20 subs are to be paid to the office before Monday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 7/8 Monday 27th July
5pm Turaki Chiefs vs Ōwhango Breakers

Year 5/6 Wednesday 29th July
4.15pm Ōwhango Thunder vs Turaki Dragons
Ōwhango Blaze - Bye



ONIHANGO SCHOOL

PTA HOT LUNCHES!

EVERY THURSDAY!

	PIE	\$5
	HOT DOG (frankfurter, bun & sauce)	\$5
	SAUSAGE ROLL	\$4
	MILO Please bring a named cup. ♥	\$1

CASH ONLY – NO I.O.U'S!

Thanks for supporting our PTA! ♥

FYI: We will be hosting a few emergency drills this term (fire/earthquake/lockdown). We will ensure that our junior tamariki are pre warned that they will hear a loud siren. Drills are a great way of staying prepared and knowing what to do in a real emergency. After our drills, we reflect and talk about what we could improve next time.



Help your community vote

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on **Saturday 7 November** and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.

 **ELECTORAL COMMISSION**
TE KAITIAKI TAKE KŌWHIRI



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Ski Day #2 31 July 2026

TRANSPORT Ratio 17:42 (1:2.5)				
Driver	Can fit	4W D	Students Coming = 42	
Stacey	4	N	Millie, Ataahua, Aria	
Regan	4 (5)	Y	Monty, Mason, Stan, Beau	
Te Hau	2	Y	Tahu	
Mitch	3	Y	Lucy (Danielle TBC),	
Maree	4	Y	Haylee, Charlotte, Brodie, Jonny	
Katie	4	Y	Ainsley, Libby	
Nicole	4	Y	Soren, Surich, Billie, Nico	
Deb	3	Y	Elliot, Juan, Natalia	
Annelies	4	Y	Sheeran, Jackson, Jack O	
Adults helping but not driving			Natalia	
Permission slip to come			Ataahua	
Things TBC				
Meeting us there			Karen & Lachlan Hannah (or Rex/Haylie), Poppy, Patrick, Molly, Jack Tania (or Sally) & Harry, Leiki Dave (4) - Daithí Óg, Te Hana (leaving from Dave's house please?) Lakenn & Hayzin, Azalea, Kaelyis, Kyston Melissa - Grace, Lily, Rose Kaaryn/James - Olive, Quinn	

PASSES-ADULTS		
NEED A PASS & SKIS – 1 free:6 kids	NOT SKIING	HAVE OWN SEASON PASS
Stacey	Annelies	Regan
Lakenn	Te Hau	Karen
Hannah		Melissa
Katie		Tania
Maree		Deb
		Dave
		Kaaryn/James

** Please advise of any changes to Annelies asap